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Upcoming State Holiday's

July 4, 2004
September 6, 2004
October 11, 2004

The Board Office
will be closed on
these days.

View from the Chair by Sallie Watkins, LCSW, PIP

It is that time when the Alabama State Board of Social Work Examiners (ABSWE) begins accepting nominations for the upcoming Board vacancies. If you are a licensed social worker from congressional districts 1, 2, or 6, it is time to think about the Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW) that you would like nominated to represent you and the public from your congressional district. (See article on page 2) Before you make your recommendation, I would like to give you some additional information to assist you in making your nominations.

The ABSWE was created to "maintain the integrity of the social work profession and to protect the public against dangers arising from attempts of incompetent or unscrupulous persons to practice the profession of social work." (Adm. Code 850-X-1-.01)

Each ABSWE member, one from each of the seven Congressional Districts, is appointed by the governor to a three-year term and may not serve more than two terms consecutively for the same licensing level.

Since the majority of the meetings are held at the

ABSWE office, members are expected to travel to Montgomery on a monthly basis. The ABSWE usually meets every fourth Friday of the month.

There must be a quorum present for the ABSWE to conduct business.

Therefore, members must be committed to regularly attending meetings. The ABSWE's meetings usually last between 4 to 6 hours. If a hearing is scheduled or major work on an issue needs additional exploration, then the Board may add an additional day to their regular meeting. Twice a year, the ABSWE attempts to hold meetings at accredited social work programs outside of Montgomery.

In order to efficiently use the limited time of regular meetings, members are expected to come to the meetings prepared by having read material sent prior to the meetings. Members are also expected from time to time to research issues outside the meetings to be shared with members and discussed at the meetings.

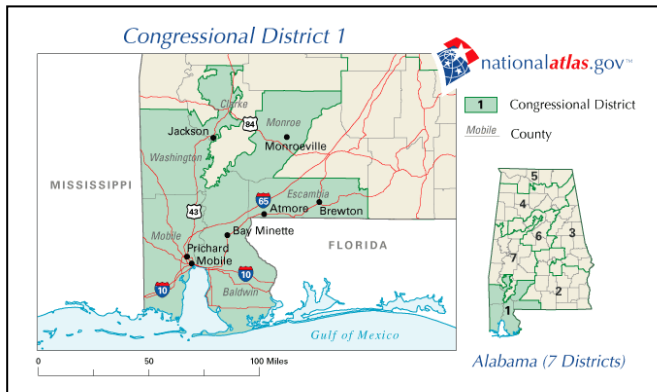
The ABSWE receives several complaints and each Board member is assigned as a liaison from the ABSWE during the investigation phase of the

complaint. This requires reviewing information received by ABSWE, meeting with various individuals including the Board's attorney, and making recommendations to the investigator, executive director, and the ABSWE. In addition, members are asked to speak to various social work groups as well as some college classes.

With all this being noted, let me remind you that the ABSWE members are not paid but volunteers reimbursed for travel expenses at the rate approved by the State Comptrollers office. As the representative for District 6, I have found my tenure on the ABSWE to be a true learning experience. As a member, I have been afforded an opportunity to really examine the laws governing social work in Alabama, as well as being exposed to a variety of viewpoints, and working with some outstanding individuals.

Therefore, I hope you will consider giving your time to "maintain the integrity of the social work profession and to protect the public" by serving on the ABSWE, if not now, hopefully in the future. ♦

It's That Time Once Again



The Board of Social Work Examiners is seeking nominations from Districts 1, 2 and 6.

District 1 consists of Baldwin, Mobile Washington, Monroe and Escambia Counties with a section of Clarke (please see first map)

District 2 consists of Autauga, Lowndes, Butler, Conecuh, Elmore, Crenshaw, Covington, Bullock, Pike, Coffee, Geneva, Barbour, Dale, Henry and Houston Counties with a section of Montgomery (please see second map)

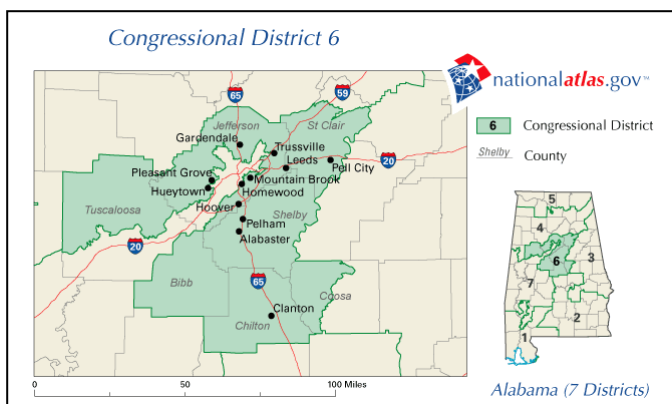
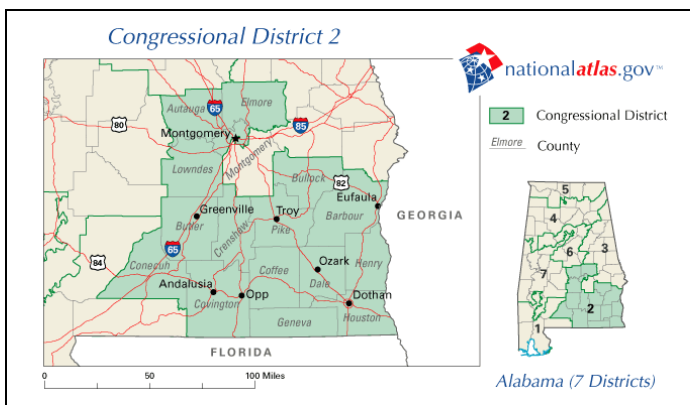
District 6 consists of St Clair, Shelby, Bibb and Chilton Counties with parts of Coosa, Jefferson and Tuscaloosa (please see third map)

The three Board members currently filling the positions are Licensed Certified Social Workers. This means the new nominees must be LCSW's. Two are eligible to return should they be interested in seeking nominations for the positions.

If you or someone you know is a LCSW and is interested in serving on the Board please submit a letter of recommendation for them (or you). The ABSWE will accept letters from July 1st until September 15th. The

nominee must be a LCSW and the nominator must be a licensed social worker living in the same congressional district as the person they are nominating. The names of the top three nominees are submitted to the Governors Office for appointment.

Appointments are usually for three years terms. However, this particular time there will be a change because of SB125. This bill passed in the House and Senate and has been sent to the Governors Office for his signature. The bill proposes that 2 of the 3 appointments are for 2-year terms and 1 is for a 3-year term in order to stagnate the terms of office. Board members are unpaid volunteers and must be willing to attend monthly meetings. They are reimbursed travel expenses at the rate set by the Comptrollers Office for State employees. Board meetings usually are on the fourth Friday of each month unless rescheduled. The meetings usually last 4-6 hours and are usually in Montgomery with the exception of twice a year the meeting may be held in other locations in the State. ♦



NEW LICENSEES

LBSW'S

3902B	McKAY TRACEY E	MAR 2004	CHILDERSBURG
3903B	SMITH JODI D	MAR 2004	GUNTERSVILLE
3904B	ULMER KENNETH L	MAR 2004	BIRMINGHAM
3905B	WILBANKS LINDSAY A	MAR 2004	HUNTSVILLE
3906B	DARRINGTON COURTNEY W	APR 2004	BIRMINGHAM
3907B	LOVELL NANCY M	APR 2004	GADSDEN
3908B	MOATES MARIANNE	APR 2004	SYLACAUGA
3909B	O'DELL LISA W	APR 2004	ALBERTVILLE
3910B	RESPESS LAURA E	APR 2004	BIRMINGHAM
3911B	ROSS KIMBERLY F	APR 2004	SULLIGENT
3912B	CALLOWAY VALENCIA R	APR 2004	MONTGOMERY
3913B	CARTER LAURA M	APR 2004	MONTGOMERY
3914B	DAHL BONNIE M	APR 2004	HUNTSVILLE
3915B	JONES SHELIA E	APR 2004	MONTGOMERY
3916B	MILLS APRIL E	APR 2004	TROY
3917B	RANDALL JILLIAN M	APR 2004	JASPER
3918B	HURD SHINAR E	APR 2004	FAYETTEVILLE
3919B	BREWER GINGER R	MAY 2004	KILLEN
3920B	FAIRCLOTH PATRICIA M	MAY 2004	BRUNDIDGE
3921B	HAWKINS MARK S	MAY 2004	BIRMINGHAM
3922B	HOLLOWAY REYNOLDS	MAY 2004	BESSEMER
3923B	MARTIN CYNTHIA L	MAY 2004	BIRMINGHAM
3924B	MESSER PRISCILLA M	MAY 2004	HEADLAND
3925B	RAMPY KELLY	MAY 2004	PIEDMONT
3926B	STEWART TANISHA N	MAY 2004	FLORENCE
3927B	WAHL MARY E	MAY 2004	BIRMINGHAM
3928B	MANNING LEAH S	MAY 2004	GAYLESVILLE
3929B	WESTERY ALICE W	MAY 2004	BIRMINGHAM
3930B	WIGGINS VIRGINIA M	MAY 2004	DECATUR
3931B	BOWERS ANGELA L	MAY 2004	ALBERTVILLE
3932B	DUE SUSAN A	JUN 2004	JACKSONVILLE
3933B	GEORGE WENDY M	JUN 2004	OXFORD
3934B	HUNTER DIANNE C	JUN 2004	MONTGOMERY
3935B	McCOMB KIMBERLY	JUN 2004	ANNISTON
3936B	McDOUGALD LEE ANN	JUN 2004	DOTHAN
3937B	MUMPFIELD ASHATA K	JUN 2004	MONTGOMERY
3938B	PERCLE ANGELA M	JUN 2004	DECATUR
3939B	WELCH SHANIKA R	JUN 2004	MOBILE

LGSW'S

1858G	MANN KIMBERLY L	MAR 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1859G	PENICK FREDDIE L	MAR 2004	PLEASANT GROVE
1860G	ROSSOMANNO ANGELA C	MAR 2004	TUSCALOOSA

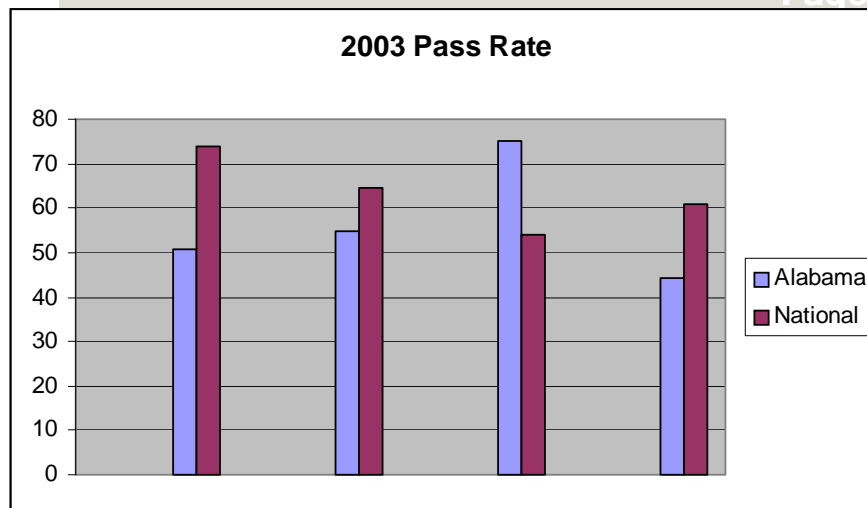
1861G	COHILL LARRY	APR 2004	WILSONVILLE
1862G	PARKER LAURA M	APR 2004	BAY MINETTE
1863G	McKOY FRANCES D	APR 2004	CULLMAN
1864G	SPEARS DELOIS T	APR 2004	HUNTSVILLE
1865G	RABON BETTYE D	APR 2004	TUSCALOOSA
1866G	WESTBROOK QUASHABDIA D	APR 2004	HOOVER
1867G	WYNN JENNIFER K	APR 2004	DECATUR
1868G	PRYOR ARNITTA S	APR 2004	OXFORD
1869G	MORAN AMANDA N	MAY 2004	AUBURN
1870G	PARSONS CARROLL L	MAY 2004	DECATUR
1871G	UNDERWOOD ASHLEY H	MAY 2004	BESSEMER
1872G	WILLIAMS BOBBY J	MAY 2004	KANKAKEE
1873G	JONES-WATKINS AUGUSTAE	MAY 2004	SELMA
1874G	PARHAM TABATHA O	JUN 2004	SYLACAUGA

LCSW'S

1811C	GREEN ALLIE W	MAR 2004	PELHAM
1812C	RAGAN MARILYN J	MAR 2004	PRATTVILLE
1813C	SHOTTS ANGELA C	MAR 2004	TUSCALOOSA
1814C	HILLER IMOGENE W	MAR 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1815C	HANNAH HOPE L	APR 2004	PELL CITY
1816C	MURDOCK LEIGHANN	APR 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1817C	McCRAVY LEONARD R	APR 2004	BIRMINGHAM
1818C	SIBBY-FORBES SUSAN E	APR 2004	ALABASTER
1819C	ADAMS PATRICIA D	APR 2004	ONEONTA
1820C	PEAKS ROBERT W	APR 2004	GULFPORT
1821C	SANDERS JESSICA	APR 2004	HUNTSVILLE
1822C	LOWRANCE LEE A	MAY 2004	PARIS
1823C	DUKE WAYNE A	JUN 2004	TRUSSVILLE
1824C	FAULK MONIQUE T	JUN 2004	SMITHS STATION

NEW PIP'S

0660-0955C	BARNARD LAURIE F	MAR 2004	MONTGOMERY
0661-1542C	KNIGHT ELLEN J	MAR 2004	TUSKEGEE
0662-1808C	NEWELL JASON M	MAR 2004	TUSCALOOSA
0663-1806C	NEY-MATHEWS MARY J	MAR 2004	OCEAN SPRINGS
0664-1807C	TARICA KATHERINE S	MAR 2004	BIRMINGHAM
0665-1787C	CALLAGHAN PAMELA J	APR 2004	JEMISON
0666-1790C	CHANDLER LEAH H	APR 2004	FLORENCE
0667-1550C	HERRIN CHARLOTTE B	APR 2004	TUSCALOOSA
0668-1594C	WALTON TONI M	APR 2004	BIRMINGHAM
0669-1788C	DAVIS TENSEY P	MAY 2004	TUSCALOOSA
0670-1758C	GAY TRACY C	MAY 2004	DOTHAN
0671-1420C	HUDSON ROSS A	MAY 2004	FLORENCE
0673-1686C	SASSER JENNIFER C	MAY 2004	BIRMINGHAM



ASWB's 2003 Pass/Fail Report Has Been Released

The comparative Pass/Fail report is out again for the rates for all the States. Alabama did well in the Advanced Exam category. The reason Alabama did so well is it is one of the few states that still accept the Advanced Exam. Four social workers took the exam and only one did not pass it. Therefore, the pass rate was 75%.

At the ASWB Spring Educational meeting in May a report was presented indicating the extent to which ASWB goes to ensure the exam questions are non-biased. They look at the social, ethnic, regional, and gender aspects of each question to make certain that no class is favored or

Basic Intermediate Advanced Clinical

disadvantaged to correctly answer a particular question. If they find a question has more weight with one class over another the question is eliminated before it becomes a graded test question.

Your Board was well represented at the ASWB Spring Educational meeting, with five Board members attending. The program included a thought provoking presentation on cultural diversity titled "The Balancing Act: Public Protection and Diversity." It was presented by Jose' B. Torres, Ph.D., MSW. Other presentations included

"HIPPA, PIPA, PIPEDA, FOIA and FOIPA: What are they and why do we care?", and an update on legal issues in social work regulation. The Board members who attended also had the opportunity to network with and learn from other Board members from across the country and our Canadian counterparts. ♦

HIPPA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996

PIPA – (Canada) Personal Information Protection Act

PIPEDA – (Canada) Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act

FOIA – Freedom of Information Act

FOIPA – (Canada) Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act

Upcoming Programs

Get in the Game!

Alabama Society of Health Care Social Workers

Fall Conference

Perdido Beach Resort
Orange Beach AL
October 20, 21, 22, 2004
For information contact:
Jennifer van Blommestein
at 205/939-7083
Offering 8 hours of CE
Cost: \$30 for members and \$75 for non-members which includes membership.

MSW Programs

Advanced-Standing MSW Programs in Mobile and Montgomery
Begin June 2005

Applications are being accepted now for the one-year MSW Advanced-Standing Programs (For those with a CSWE-Accredited BSW) to be held in Montgomery and Mobile, Alabama.

Call 205/348-8775 or 205/348-3943 for more information and application or go to www.graduate.ua.edu and www.socialwork.ua.edu ♦

Don't forget to check the ABSWE for pre-approved programs. You can find them on the Board's web site at: www.abswe.state.al.us

"Don't be left warming the bench! Mark your calendars Now!."



Board Willing To Travel

Did you know that your Board was willing to travel?

Semi-annually the board has committed itself to traveling around the state to accredited schools of social work

within the state of Alabama for the purpose of holding a monthly meeting. This is for educational purposes for students as well as a way for licensed social workers to come and watch the

business of the Board. If your social work program would be interested in having the Board visit and hold an official meeting while there, please call or write the ABSWE office. ♦



Who Knew?

ADPH Job Listings

For your information, below is a list of positions social workers hold with the Department of Public Health.

Bureau of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease

Social workers work with local coalitions, community agencies, and state and national partners to implement and evaluate effective tobacco prevention and cessation activities. Social Workers are used in the education of Hepatitis C in the state as well.

Office of Professional & Support Services

Social workers work with other members of the clinical team to provide a range of services: Maternity Case Management, HIV/AIDS Case Management, Plan First Family Planning Waiver Program, Lead Case Management, Newborn Screening Case

Management, Breast & Cervical Cancer Program, and Early Periodic Screening Diagnosis and Treatment (EPSDT) Program

All Kids

Social workers work in conjunction with other community based organizations in honoring the CHIP mission to insure as many eligible children in the program as possible. Social Workers also provide services for families to assist in overcoming barriers to services.

Bureau of Health Provider Standards

Social workers work to make sure that health facilities comply with state and federal standards.

Bureau of Home & Community Based Waiver Services

Social workers work with other staff to provide quality home care services

for Alabama citizens through the Elderly/Disabled Waiver program.

Bureau of Family Health Services

Social workers work with other staff with providing procedures and policies for clinical services.

Administration

Kathy Vincent serves as staff assistance to the State Health Officer. Area Social Work Directors and Managers serve in various parts of the state providing supervision and working closely with the Central Office Staff.

Now was this what you thought a Public Health Social Worker did? Social work is expanding and reaching out to many other avenues. There is an endless list of possibilities of what a social worker can do. ♦

"There is an endless list of possibilities of what a social worker can do in Public Health. You can see the Public Health Newsletter at: <http://www.adph.org/healhpromotion/0504ah.pdf>"

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What is License Eligible?

It's not unusual to see job announcements these days for a license eligible person. But what is a license eligible person? This is someone who has a license to practice or an applicant that has been approved to take the licensing exam. An applicant can maintain their approved status for 12 months. The law allows an

approved applicant to maintain this status in order to work in the field while preparing for the licensing exam. The eligibility expires at the end of the 12 months from the date the application was approved or after the failure of the third exam whichever comes first. No one in Alabama

should practice social work or call themselves a social worker unless they are licensed or an approved licensed eligible candidate. Non-licensed or non-approved license applicant should not be hired for social work position. ♦

The Board to Develop a Social Work Service Brochure

Some States have already added to their library a consumer brochure for public distribution. ABSWE has been in the process of developing the very same.

This information was in the last newsletter with a

request for suggestions from licensees. Unfortunately, no one responded. So again, as a social worker, what would you like to see in this brochure?

A consumer brochure could be used as

advertisement as well as informational literature. It could explain services available as well as explain the process of social work to potential clients. Please submit your ideas in writing to the ABSWE Office. ♦

When Does Your License Expire?...

Calls are often received from licensees asking if they use the grace period for renewing their license does that mean their license is current during the 60-day grace period. The response to this question usually scares

people. No, once your license renewal month passes your license has officially expired. If someone calls to verify licensure during the grace period, they are informed of the renewal date and

the 60-day deadline before the license is cancelled. Remember, if not renewed, the license expires on the last day of the renewal month and is cancelled at the end of the 60-day grace period. ♦

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